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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes Office of Emergency Management to order lowering of reservoir levels prior to certain severe weather events.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning flood control and supplementing Title 58 of the
2 Revised Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, rule or
8 regulation to the contrary, when the Office of Emergency
9 Management in the Division of State Police receives notice from the
10 National Weather Service of a severe weather event expected to
11 deposit three or more inches of rain in a single area within a 24-
12 hour period, the office may order the water level of any reservoir in
13 the State to be lowered by up to five feet prior to the severe weather
14 event if such action is determined by the office to be in the general
15 public interest and reasonably necessary to prevent or reduce the
16 severity of flooding.

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18 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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23 This bill would authorize the Office of Emergency Management
24 in the Division of State Police to order the water level of any
25 reservoir to be lowered by up to five feet prior to a severe weather
26 event if the office has received notice from the National Weather
27 Service that the severe weather event is expected to deposit three or
28 more inches of rain in a single area within a 24-hour period and the
29 office has made a determination that lowering the reservoir level is
30 in the general public interest and reasonably necessary to prevent or
31 reduce the severity of flooding.